



Report to Queens

**On the Job ...
Getting Results
Making a Difference
for Queens**



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6. \$30 million in Federal funding for research on quieter airport engine technology to improve the quality of life for residents who live near LaGuardia Airport

7. \$300,000 in Federal Funding for Community School District 25 English-as-a-Second Language programs.

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3. Over \$5 million in emergency federal funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Department of Health and Human Services to fight West Nile Encephalitis.

10. \$424 million for over 6,100 new police officers under the federal COMPS program to make the streets and neighborhoods of New York safer.



11. Congressman Crowley fought for and got a national West Nile Encephalitis Czar to work with City, State and Federal governments to address the West Nile crisis.



12. Congressman Crowley worked with his colleagues to secure over \$50 million in funding for East Side Access to connect Queens with Grand Central Station and build a train station in Woodside.

13. Congressman Crowley successfully got the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to open an outpatient clinic in Northern Queens (opening Fall 2000) to make quality healthcare for veterans closer to home.

CUTTING TAXES

Abolishing the Social Security Earnings Limit and Your Federal Telephone Tax

Fighting for seniors and working families is my top priority in Congress. New York City and the United States have achieved stunning economic growth by instituting fiscal discipline and balancing the budget. I have consistently fought against attempts by the Majority party to use the hard-earned budget surplus to pay for large tax cuts for the richest 1% of Americans. Social Security is the most important safety net for New York seniors, and I am committed to ensuring that it is there for you and future generations.

One of my top accomplishments this Congress for working families has been the passage of two bills which will add more money to the pockets of average New Yorkers. Legislation I supported became law to repeal the Social Security Earnings Limit for seniors between the ages of 65-69. This outdated rule from the Great Depression penalized working seniors who had to give up \$1 for every \$3 of their earnings, just because they chose to continue being active members of the workforce. This was wrong and I am pleased to let you know that Congress has repealed this unfair tax.

In addition, to help all New Yorkers, Congress recently repealed the Federal Excise tax on your phone bill. This unfair tax was instituted in 1898 to finance the Spanish American War. Even though we won that war, the tax has stayed on the books. I was proud to join my colleagues to repeal this burdensome tax.

Congressman Joseph Crowley



Congressman Crowley and Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Muscarella of the Army Corps of Engineers tour Flushing Bay to see first hand how \$925,000 in Federal Funding is making the bay cleaner



Congressman Crowley, along with US Secretary of Education Richard Riley, New York City School Chancellor Harold Levy, Queens Borough President Claire Shulman, State Assemblyman Ivan Lafayette and Richard Parkin of the United Federation of Teachers visit PS 19 to talk about Congressman Crowley's legislation to add more teachers for urban schools.

Dear Neighbor,

It is a great honor to represent you as your United States Congressman. I fight hard every single day in New York and in Washington to improve the quality of life for my constituents. I think working together this past year and a half we have been very successful. But there is still work to be done.

I am proud of my work in Washington to pass legislation to repeal the outdated Social Security Earnings Limit, to eliminate the Federal excise tax on your phone bill and to provide additional Federal funding for New York City to hire teachers to educate our children. I have worked hard to bring over \$50 million in Federal funding to our area for local senior centers, housing programs, after-school centers and transportation projects. These all improve the quality of life for all residents of Queens.

Both in Washington and in New York, there is still work to be done. Unfortunately, the Republican Majority refuses to make progress on issues such as a Patients' Bill of Rights, a prescription drug benefit for seniors, common sense gun control or legislation to relieve overcrowding in our local schools. As an At-Large Whip and Member of the House Democratic Leadership, I will continue to battle the Majority party in order to ensure that legislation to help working New Yorkers is on the top of the agenda.

I look forward to continue working for you in the 106th Congress in Washington and in New York and building on our successes together.

Sincerely,

Joseph Crowley
Your United States Congressman